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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: KAREN PEARSE  
FOR: PREPARATION AT A JOBSITE TO REPLACE A KITCHEN  
COUNTERTOP  
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Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action of 07/05/2005.

Accompanying this Reply is REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE providing instructions for amending claim 1 to address the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dubue (U.S. Patent No. 6,325,435).

Applicant's method claimed in claim 1 is supported by the disclosure at page 7 in lines 5-22 as follows:

5 As may be seen in Fig. 3, the construction material of countertop 68 is typically  
6 marble, stone composition, or the like, because of its durability and appearance. Retainer strip  
7 70 has a flat rear face and is fastened to a wall 72. A square groove 74 is cut or formed in a front